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(4) that the size of the high school Forms IV to VI should be such as to offer scope for the opening of two diversified courses.

Schools which fulfilled these principles, were selected regardless of their standing.

SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : May I know the reasons for not selecting even a single Anglo-Indian school for these courses?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is no particular reason. Perhaps the curriculum in Anglo-Indian schools is a little bit different. Whether it will fit in with the syllabus for the bifurcated courses will be examined.

SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : I do feel that there is sufficient scope and adaptability in Anglo-Indian schools, that they could be converted into multi-purpose schools and that the average Anglo-Indian boy or girl is technically inclined.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That might be so. That is what I said just now. It will have to be examined whether the existing syllabus for this course will fit in with that syllabus or whether there has to be some reorganization.

SRI JOHN ASIRVATHAM : May I know the number of multi-purpose schools contemplated under the Second Five-Year Plan?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : One hundred and eighty during the five years at the rate of 36 courses for each year.

Fixation of pay of re-employed persons by local bodies

* 129 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state whether it is a fact that with reference to orders passed by the Government in regard to the fixation of pay of re-employed persons by local bodies, the Tiruchirappalli District Board in May 1956 refixed the salaries of certain teachers re-employed by them and ordered recoveries with retrospective effect from 1st April 1954?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes. The question whether these orders require any modification in relation to teachers is under further consideration of Government.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : May I know whether the Headmasters re-employed in the same or similar post under local bodies are exempted from this particular Government Order?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have already stated that it is under consideration.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : In view of the fact that this rule was given effect to by the Tiruchirappalli District Board two years after the passing of the Government Order and recoveries

were made with retrospective effect from the date of the Government Order, will the Government kindly ask the Tiruchirappalli District Board, as an interim measure, to waive these recoveries and to refund those large amounts which have been recovered from the teachers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Recoveries have already been effected. Whether the amounts should be refunded or not is under the consideration of Government.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Is the Hon. the Minister for Education aware that in the case of Headmasters also, this rule has been applied and the recovery has been made?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, in the case of all teaching personnel. Whether the rule should apply in all cases is under consideration of the Government.

Stipends to students in shortened B.T. Class

* 130 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance and Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether stipends are granted to students belonging to Backward Classes in shortened B.T. Class;

(*b*) the number of such students who applied for stipends for the shortened B.T. course that commenced on 15th December 1954 at the Teachers' College, Saidapet; and

(*c*) the number of students who were given stipends?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir. Stipends are being paid from 1956–57 to such of those students belonging to Harijan and Backward communities as are undergoing the shortened B.T. Course, provided they had not received stipends while they underwent secondary grade training and were not also in receipt of stipends or scholarships from any other department of Government or from local bodies.

(*b*) Three students.

(*c*) No student was given stipend, as the stipend was sanctioned only from the year 1956–57.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHI : Will the Government kindly consider the case of such students as were admitted to the course which commenced on 15th December 1954 in case they have not received the stipend during their secondary grade training and had not received any emolument during the B.T. shortened course?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : They should have finished their training by now. I do not know whether the hon. Member wants that we should put into their hands some money now. Then, we cannot call it a stipend.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Questions are over.